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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING UNIVERSAL WEB ACCESS FUNCTIONALITY

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/678,605	TARACI, BRIAN RICHARD
	Examiner	Art Unit
	PHILIP J. CHEA	2153

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to an amendment filed April 21, 2008.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33,36,39 and 42.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - All
 - Some*
 - None
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/Krisna Lim/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2153

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank Weyer 33,050 on July 1, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please see attached.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach nor render obvious the claimed limitations. Specifically the prior art fails to disclose providing a universal web access functionality that requires configuring Input/Output ports using a browser by having a tri-state being removed out of tri-state mode and driving a pull-up resistor high to generate output high on at least one of the plurality of Input/Output ports and an open collector driver being set to low impedance mode to generate an output low on at least one of the Input/Output ports.

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Philip J Chea
Examiner
Art Unit 2153

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1. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing universal web access functionality comprising:
 - a first electronic device having a plurality of configurable Input/Output ports;
 - a network connection to said first electronic device on a first one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and
 - at least one second electronic device connected to said first electronic device on a second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports, wherein said first electronic device serves web pages associated with said at least one second electronic device, wherein configuration parameters for said second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports are set using a browser interface to said first electronic device;
 - a tri-state buffer, said tri-state buffer being removed out of tri-state mode and driving a pull-up resistor high to generate output high on at least one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and
 - an open collector output driver, said open collector output driver being set to low impedance mode to generate an output low at said second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports.
2. (currently amended) A method for providing universal web access functionality comprising:
 - providing a plurality of configurable Input/Output ports on a first electronic device;
 - connecting said first electronic device to a network via a first one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports;

connecting at least one second electronic device to said first electronic device on a second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports, wherein said first electronic device serves web pages associated with said at least one second electronic device; ~~and~~

setting configuration parameters for said second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports using a browser interface to said first electronic device;

removing a tri-state buffer out of tri-state mode and driving a pull-up resistor high to generate output high at said second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and
setting an open collector output driver to low impedance mode to generate an output low at said second one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports.

3. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing universal web access functionality comprising:

a plurality of configurable Input/Output ports for connection to at least one electronic device;

a server engine serving web pages providing access to said at least one electronic device via said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and

an interface device providing remote connectivity to said server engine via a network, wherein configuration parameters for said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports are set using said interface device;

a tri-state buffer, said tri-state buffer being removed out of tri-state mode and driving a pull-up resistor high to generate output high on at least one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and

an open collector output driver, said open collector output driver being set to low impedance mode to generate an output low on at least one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises analog Input/Output ports.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises digital Input/Output ports.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-232 port.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-422 port.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-485 port.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an infrared (IR) port.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises general purpose Input/Output ports.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said interface device comprises a configurable graphical user interface.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said interface device comprises a network interface card.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said network interface card comprises an RJ-45 connector.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said network interface card comprises a wireless connector.

15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said at least one electronic device is not web enabled.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said server engine comprises:

a flattened stack handler for processing an ethernet packet;

a server-side include function;

a URL encoder/decoder function; and

an electronic mail notification handler.

17. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said processing said ethernet packet comprises:

receiving said ethernet packet comprising Ethernet header, IP header, TCP/UDP header, and payload; and

processing said payload only if said Ethernet header, said IP header and said UDP/TCP header are associated with an active service at an application layer.

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18. (currently amended) A method for providing universal web access functionality comprising:

providing a plurality of configurable Input/Output ports for connection to at least one electronic device;

providing a server engine serving web pages for access to said at least one electronic device via said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports;

providing an interface device for remote connectivity to said server engine via a network;
and

setting configuration parameters for said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports using said interface device;

removing a tri-state buffer out of tri-state mode and driving a pull-up resistor high to generate output high on at least one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports; and

setting an open collector output driver to low impedance mode to generate an output low on at least one of said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises analog Input/Output ports.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises digital Input/Output ports.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-232 port.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-422 port.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an RS-485 port.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises an infrared (IR) port.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said plurality of configurable Input/Output ports comprises general purpose Input/Output ports.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said interface device comprises a configurable graphical user interface.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said interface device comprises a network interface card.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said network interface card comprises an RJ-45 connector.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said network interface card comprises a wireless connection.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said at least one electronic device is not web enabled.

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31. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said server engine comprises:

- a flattened stack handler for processing an ethernet packet;
- a server-side include function;
- a URL encoder/decoder function; and
- an electronic mail notification handler.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said processing said ethernet packet comprises:

- receiving said ethernet packet comprising Ethernet header, IP header, TCP/UDP header, and payload; and

- processing said payload only if said Ethernet header, said IP header and said UDP/TCP header are associated with an active service at an application layer.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises:

- registers set by said configuration parameters; and
- devices selected from a group consisting of switches and gates, said devices for enabling circuitry in accordance with the configuration parameters, said devices driven by said registers.

34. Cancelled.

35. Cancelled.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

setting registers in response to said configuration parameters; and
driving from said registers devices selected from a group consisting of switches and
gates, said devices for enabling circuitry in accordance with the configuration parameters.

37. Cancelled.

38. Cancelled.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said apparatus further
comprises:

registers set by said configuration parameters; and
devices selected from a group consisting of switches and gates, said devices for enabling
circuitry in accordance with the configuration parameters, said devices driven by said registers.

40. Cancelled.

41. Cancelled.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, said method further comprising:
setting registers in response to said configuration parameters; and
driving from said registers devices selected from a group consisting of switches and
gates, said devices for enabling circuitry in accordance with the configuration parameters.

43. Cancelled.

44. Cancelled.

/Krisna Lim/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2153